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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*  
Serial Number : 10/019,402  
Filed : December 28, 2001  
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUNCTIONAL  
FOODS AND DRINKS CONTAINING THE SAME  
Examiner : D. A. Jagoe  
Group Art Unit : 1614

**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 23, 2004

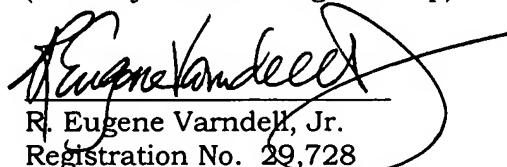
Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed on November 25, 2003, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a two-month extension of time extends the due date for filing a response to April 25, 2004.

A check in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$420.00) is attached hereto for payment of this extension of time.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL  
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